

GAVI Alliance Audit and Finance Committee Meeting

14 April 2010
Teleconference

FINAL Minutes

Finding a quorum of members present¹, the meeting commenced at 16.03 Geneva time on 14 April 2010.

1 Programme Funding Plan – Nepal HSS

Subject to the Board's adoption of the health systems funding platform (HLSP), the Secretariat intended to request the Board to endorse a three-year HSS budget and a near term financial commitment for Nepal (Doc #1 in the subcommittee pack).

Though the Board had decided in November 2009 that this programme, among others, would be considered in the context of the prioritisation exercise, the Secretariat in discussion with the Programme and Policy Committee had concluded that Nepal would need to be considered in the near term in order for it to remain a viable HLSP candidate. Discussion followed:

- The Committee acknowledged that approving the total budget (approximately US\$ 14 million) and near term financial requirement (approximately \$4 million), would not meaningfully hinder the prioritisation exercise and that GAVI could afford this programme.
- Of all the programmes that the October 2009 Independent Review Committee (IRC) put forward for funding, only the Nepal programme was time sensitive. However, the Programme and Policy Committee will need to discuss the potential equity concerns that accelerating the Nepal programme could raise.
- It was intended to use GAVI Alliance funds to pay for the programme rather than IFFIm bond proceeds. If there are funds specifically set aside to health systems, these should be used. However, though the new donations to IFFIm in support of health systems activities are on track, the agreements are not yet fully in place.
- Though the costs of this programme are relatively small, the Committee noted that it generally desired more financial information to understand in a comprehensive sense the ultimate impact of funding decisions. It was acknowledged that the Secretariat normally provides comprehensive information ahead of time and that the data was being presented verbally. However, having the charts in front of committee members is helpful.
- One committee member expressed some hesitancy with moving forward too quickly with a programme before one of GAVI's HSFP partners had formally endorsed the platform. It was expected that this partner would take a decision before the end of the month.

¹ Attendees are listed in Attachment A.

DECISION

The GAVI Alliance Audit and Finance Committee:

- 1.1 Acknowledged that it reviewed the financial implications of the HSS budget and financial commitment for Nepal and were comfortable on that basis to move forward with it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Kevin Klock, Assistant Secretary

Attachment A

Participants

Committee Members

- Wayne Berson, Chair
- Dwight Bush
- David Crush
- Magid Al-Gunaid
- Gavin McGillivray
- Clarisse Paolini
- Anne Schuchat

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- Tony Dutson
- Helen Evans
- Barry Greene
- Kevin Klock
- Louis Mkanganwi
- Carole Presern